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Applicants: Gil M. VARDI et al.

Title: Extendible Stent Apparatus

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Examiner: Thomas Sweet

Art Unit: 3738

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This supplemental Information Disclosure Statement supplements the Information Disclosure Statement filed January 14, 2004. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is directed to the cited references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08.

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Accordingly, copies of the following foreign references are submitted herewith on the attached CD-Rom:

CA 2,318,314; 07/22/1999	EP 684022; 11/24/1995
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EP 897698; 02/24/1999	WO 00/74595; 12/14/2000
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Dichek, et al.; <i>Circulation</i> , 80: 1347-1353 (1989)
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Yamashita, et al.; *Journal of American College of Cardiology*, 35: 1145-1151 (2000)

Satler, et al.; *Catheterization and Cardiovascular Interventions*, 50: 411-412 (2000)

No representation is made or intended that more relevant information does not exist or that the order of presentation of the references in any way reflects their relative pertinence. Additionally, submission of references herewith in no way constitutes an admission by Applicants that the submitted references constitute prior art to the present application.

Applicants respectfully request that each of the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and that the cited references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

March 16, 2004

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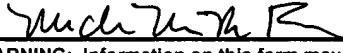
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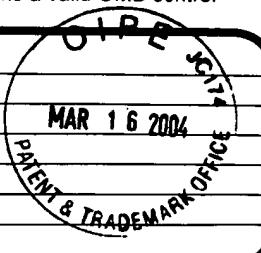
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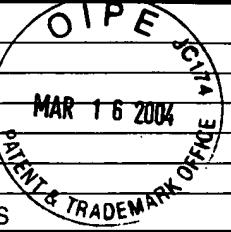
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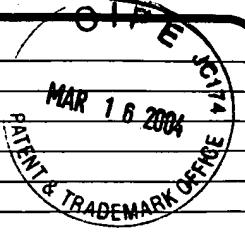
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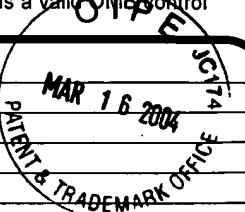
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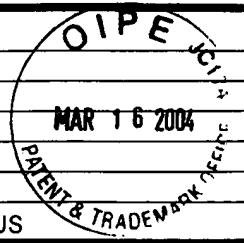
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